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Sanction of additional allotment for the welfare of Backward Classes.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the additional allotment made for the welfare of Backward classes in 1953–54 and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The following additional allotments were sanctioned during 1953–54 : —

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Scholarships	2,54,527
Boarding grants	25,000
Examination fees	16,300

The sanctions were accorded in order to meet the increased demands under these heads."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பைச்சேர்ந்த எத்தனைபேருக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்டது? அந்த ஆண்டில் தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட வகுப்பினருக்கு ஒரு லட்சம் ரூபாய் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று இந்த சபையிலுள்ள 32 எம். எல். ஏ.-க்கள் கையெழுத்திட்டு மனு அனுப்பியும்கூட இந்த அரசாங்கம் கவனிக்கவில்லை. இதற்கு பிரத்தியேக காரணம் என்ன என்று கூற முடியுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member seems to be confused. The question is about Backward Classes and not Scheduled Castes."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Apart from doling out some educational concessions to the students belonging to the Backward Communities, may I know what other ameliorative measures have been undertaken by the Government to lift the Backward Community students to the status of forward community students? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put."

Starting of an Industrial Development Corporation for Malabar.

* **57 *Q.***—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government are considering the question of starting an Industrial Development Corporation for Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

Supersession of the Board of Directors of the Ariyalur Co-operative Marketing Society.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Board of Directors of the Ariyalur Co-operative Marketing Society was superseded in 1949–50, and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies took charge of the administration; and

(*b*) the reasons for supersession?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The Board was superseded with effect from 25th July 1951.

" (b) There were several irregularities in the day-to-day administration of the society such as incurring of expenditure without proper sanction of the general body, misuse of the car belonging to the society, failure to regulate the work of the lorries belonging to the Society, failure to exercise proper supervision over the procurement operations of the society, etc. With a view to safeguard the interest of the shareholders and the financing bank the Registrar superseded the Board of Directors."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" In view of the frequent questions put on the floor of the House regarding the imperfect working of co-operative institutions in the State and in view of the elaborate discussion this House had last time about the undesirable way in which the co-operative institutions in the State were working and also in view of the frequent criminal cases coming up before courts against the office-bearers of very many institutions, will the Government consider the necessity for appointing a committee of experts and Members of this House to go into th working of co-operative institutions in this State and to suggest ways and means of improving their working? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the Government have under consideration the appointment of a committee on Co-operation."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Is it a fact that the administration of this co-operative society went from bad to worse after the Registrar took charge? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered the question, Sir."

Problem of unemployment among Harijans.

* 59 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer to unstarred question No. 24, dated 24th March 1954—

(a) the result of the investigation undertaken by the Government into the question of unemployment among Harijans; 12-20 p.m.

(b) the schemes which are under Government's contemplation for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government have got statistics to show the number of unemployed Harijans in the State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) The question of providing additional employment facilities to educated persons belonging to Harijans and backward classes is still under investigation and no definite scheme has yet been evolved.

" (c) No, Sir."